CLAIMS

1   1.   A computer system, comprising:

2   at least one user computer;

3   a data input device associated with the user computer;

4   a Web server communicating with the user computer;

5   server logic means at the Web server for generating a table of inlinks to at least one

6   Web page associated with the Web server; and

7   user logic means at the user computer for accessing the table of inlinks to facilitate

8   generating a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one

9   of the inlinks in the table, for accessing the sibling links.

1   2.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the user logic means includes means for downloading

2   the table from the Web server to the user computer, each inlink on the table being a hyperlink to a

3   respective Web site, such that a person operating the user computer can select one of the inlinks to

4   invoke the Web site associated with the selected inlink.

1   3.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the user logic means includes:

2   means for downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer; and

3   means for automatically accessing the inlinks to search the inlinks for predetermined

4   information.

1   4.   The system of Claim 1, further comprising a data storage device for storing at least

2   portions of the table.

1   5.   The system of Claim 4, further comprising means at the Web server for pruning

2   inlinks in the table in response to at least one preselected criterium.

1   6.   The system of Claim 5, wherein the preselected criterium is based at least in part on

2   a number of selections of each inlink

1   7.   A computer-implemented method for accumulating information on the World Wide

2   Web that is relevant to at least one topic, comprising the steps of:

3   at a Web server, generating a list of inlinks for at least one Web page associated with

4   the server; and

5   at a user computer, downloading the list of inlinks for facilitating information retrieval

6   using the list.

1   8.   The method of Claim 7, wherein the list is a table, and the method includes generating

2   a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one of the inlinks in

3   the table, for searching the sibling links.

1   9.   The method of Claim 8, further including downloading the table from the Web server

2   to the user computer, each inlink on the table being a hyperlink to a respective Web site, such that

3   a person operating the user computer can select one of the inlinks to invoke the Web site associated

4   with the selected inlink.

1   10.   The method of Claim 8, further comprising:

2   downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer; and

3   automatically accessing the inlinks to search the inlinks for predetermined information.

1   11.   The method of Claim 8, further comprising pruning inlinks in the table in response

2   to at least one preselected criterium.

1   12.   The method of Claim 11, wherein the preselected criterium is based at least in part

2   on a number of selections of each inlink.

1   13.   A computer program device comprising:

2   a computer program storage device readable by a user computer; and

3   a program means on the program storage device and including instructions executable by the

4   user computer for performing method steps for searching the World Wide Web, the method steps

5   comprising:

6   downloading a Web page from a Web server;

7   requesting an inlinks or backlinks list associated with the Web page; and

8   in response to the requesting step, receiving from the Web server the list of inlinks

9   or backlinks to the Web page.

1   14.   The computer program device of Claim 13, wherein the method steps further comprise:

2   automatically accessing the list to obtain sibling links to the Web page.

1   15.   A computer program device comprising:

2   a computer program storage device readable by a Web server; and

3   a program means on the program storage device and including instructions executable by the

4   Web server for performing method steps for compiling information useful for searching the World

5   Wide Web, the method steps comprising:

6   receiving hyperlink requests for Web pages, each hyperlink request being sent via an

7   inlink;

8   recording at least some inlinks along with one or more inlink criteria; and

9   transmitting the inlinks to user computers requesting the inlinks.

1   16.   The computer program device of Claim 15, wherein the inlink criteria include one or

2   more of: inlink request time, and number of times each inlink is used to hyperlink a user computer

3   to a Web page.